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NOV 20 2006**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner and his Supervisor for granting the interview of November 8, 2006. The following includes the substance of that interview.

Claims 3, 17, 57 and 59 are amended to incorporate language discussed during the interview (see Examiner's Interview Summary). The claims are also formatted to improve readability.

As discussed during the interview, Applicants respectfully request the rejoinder of previously withdrawn claims 5-8 and new claim 64, all of which are directed to methods of making the conjugates. The process claims are amended in accordance with the elected product claims. Rejoinder of claims directed to methods of using the conjugates is also respectfully requested.

Further, as discussed during the interview, Applicants respectfully request examination of new claims 65-66, which are directed to conjugates in a product-by- process claim format.

Finally, to clarify the record, Applicants urge that the isolated conjugates claimed in this application have a substantial, specific, and credible utility as substrates for measuring ubiquitylation of the named proteins, fragments, and derivatives thereof and as substrates for assaying ubiquitylation in diseases named in the specification.

Favorable reconsideration and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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